

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT NPDES GENERAL PERMIT
FOR HYDROSTATIC TESTING OF COMMERCIAL PIPELINES
PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 2014 – 12G - RD
DATE OF NOTICE: DECEMBER 15, 2014
RESPONSE DATE DUE: FEBRUARY 6, 2015

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) proposes to issue a new NPDES General Permit for Hydrostatic Testing of Commercial Pipelines with discharges to surface waters of the state. The purpose of this permit is to establish requirements for point source discharges of waters used for the hydrostatic testing of commercial pipelines and flowlines which are used for the transportation of natural gas, crude oil, and liquid or gaseous petroleum hydrocarbons (henceforth described as hydrostatic test water). The NPDES general permit will supersede and replace the requirements for these discharges which are currently outlined in Article 15 of Title 327 of the Indiana Administrative Code.

Applicability: The primary condition determining eligibility for this general NPDES permit is ensuring that the discharge consists of only wastewater from hydrostatic testing of commercial pipeline(s). The permit shall be applicable to persons within the boundary of Indiana who meet this condition, with the exception of the following:

- 1) direct discharges into waters that are designated as an Outstanding National Resource Water defined at IC 13-11-2-149.5 or an Outstanding State Resource Water defined at IC 13-11-2-149.6 and listed at 327 IAC 2-1.3-3(d).
- 2) discharges to a receiving stream when the discharge results in an increase in the ambient concentration of a pollutant which contributes to the impairment of the receiving stream for that pollutant as identified on the current 303(d) list of impaired waters,
- 3) discharges containing water treatment additives which have not received prior written approval from IDEM for the specific additive, use, and dosage at the particular site for which the Notice of Intent (NOI) is submitted, (for more information, and
- 4) discharges resulting from the cleaning of tanks and/or pipelines.

Each general permit contains specific eligibility requirements. Ineligible discharges will require an individual NPDES permit or an alternate general permit (if available). Only facilities existing within the boundary of Indiana may obtain NPDES general permit coverage.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft NPDES general permit. All comments or requests should be sent to: IDEM Office of Water Quality, Attn: General NPDES Permits, IGCN Room 1255, 100 North Senate Avenue,

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 and must be received by IDEM no later than February 6, 2015. Any request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. The department will determine whether to hold a public hearing based upon the comments and the rationale for the request. All written comments received during the Public Notice period will be considered in the formulation of the final NPDES general permit. Please direct any comments submitted by email to: owqwwper@idem.in.gov.

Additional Information: The draft NPDES general permit and related documents are posted on IDEM's web site at <http://www.in.gov/idem/5338.htm>. The draft NPDES general permit documents are available for review at the IDEM Central Office, Indiana Government Center North, Room 1255, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., M - F, excluding state holidays (copies 10¢ per page). Copies of the draft permit documents are also available at the local health departments and at IDEM's Regional Offices. The documents are also available via email request. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter. See these sites for information concerning your rights and responsibilities: <http://www.IN.gov/idem/5474.htm> and <http://www.IN.gov/idem.5903.htm>.

Questions may be directed to any of the following IDEM staff: C. Anne Burget at (317) 234-8745, Sheri Jordan at (317) 232-8703, or Catherine Hess at (317) 232-8704. Please send any email inquiries to owqwwper@idem.in.gov.

Notice of Final Permit Determination: IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on this permit to all persons who submit written comments or who submit a written request for notification to owqwwper@idem.in.gov.